

MR. TAFT REFUSES  
CORPORATION AIDTrusts Cannot Contribute to  
G. O. P. Funds.

## OHIOAN STANDS FIRM

Tells National Committee to  
Obey Federal Laws.

Statement indicates that Treasurer  
Sheldon Will Have to Revise His  
Present Plans for Raising Money.  
Candidate Declares that Gompers  
Cannot Deliver the Labor Vote to  
Any Party—Vorys Often Consulted.

Hot Springs, Va., July 18.—The Re-  
publicans have stricken corporations off  
their list as contributors to the national  
campaign fund.

Mr. Taft said today: "The Republican  
National Committee will accept no con-  
tribution from corporations."

This declaration was made by the candi-  
date in response to questions as to the  
effect of the law passed by Congress in  
January, 1907, forbidding contributions to  
campaigns for the election of Presi-  
dential electors or members of Congress.

The penalty for violation of the law is a  
maximum fine of \$5,000 for the corporation.  
Any member who consents to the  
contributions is liable to a fine of \$1,000  
or a year's imprisonment, or both.

Mr. Taft added that there was some  
doubt as to the validity of this law, but  
notwithstanding that the Republican  
campaign management is prepared, Mr.  
Taft said, to obey the letter of the law,  
just as they are to obey the New York  
State law which requires the filing of all  
receipts and expenditures of the national  
treasurer at Albany after election.

Sheldon to Hear News.  
A Republican campaign without con-  
tributions from corporations will be some-  
thing of a novelty. The impression that  
National Treasurer George R. Sheldon  
conveyed, when he was here a week or  
so ago, was that contributions would be  
accepted from corporations, but he prob-  
ably had not heard then of the Federal  
law on the subject.

Mr. Taft was asked today if he had  
noticed published statements concerning  
Gompers and the labor vote, and the as-  
sertion that Gompers could not deliver  
the labor votes to the Democrats. He  
said there is no so-called class in the  
American electorate so under control of  
their leaders that their votes can be de-  
livered.

Several journals devoted to the liquor  
trade are representing that Mr. Taft is  
opposed to prohibition, and that he has  
spoken out on the subject. Mr. Taft said  
today that he had never publicly dis-  
cussed the prohibition question.

Nothing About Trusts.  
Mr. Taft's letter of acceptance contains  
no suggestion regarding the regula-  
tions of trusts. That was learned definite-  
ly today. Everything he has to recom-  
mend on this subject was suggested by  
him in public speeches before the nomina-  
tion. This means that Mr. Taft will rest  
so far as corporation regulation is con-  
cerned on the Roosevelt policies. The  
tone of his speech on this subject, as well  
as on the other subjects most vital to  
the business interests of the country, is  
said to be reassuring. There is no sug-  
gestion, however, of a recession from the  
Roosevelt standards.

Frank B. Kellogg, the Minnesota trust  
buster, has been summoned by Mr. Taft.  
He will get here on Monday and will  
go over the speech of acceptance with the  
candidate, particularly the section on  
trusts.

Mr. Taft was busy nearly all day, try-  
ing to cut his speech of acceptance down  
to between 3,500 and 4,000 words.

Vorys Often Consulted.  
Arthur I. Vorys, independent manager  
of the Taft campaign in Ohio, is still  
here, and he has been consulted by Mr.  
Taft frequently in regard to the speech.  
Senator Jonathan Bourne, Jr., of Ore-  
gon, arrived this morning. The senator  
said he had come up chiefly to play golf,  
but he brought that "residual legatee-  
ship" idea along with him. He thinks  
the question of residual legatee-  
ship will play a considerable part in the  
present campaign. Senator Bourne said  
that Bryan, in his opinion, had won his nomina-  
tion direct from the people. Bryan  
had reached the people through the Com-  
moner. Every reader of his paper has  
become a zealous worker for him. The  
senator assured Mr. Taft, however, that  
he is for him, and will do everything he  
can to further his candidacy out in  
Oregon.

Tafts Serenaded.  
Mr. and Mrs. Taft were serenaded to-  
night in the ballroom of the hotel by  
Concordia Club of Lynchburg, Va., who  
came here for the purpose, "thinking Mr.  
Taft might be lonesome in the moun-  
tains."

Mr. and Mrs. Taft were loudly ap-  
plauded on their appearance. Later they  
waited together.

## TAFT TELLS STORY OF PLOT.

Candidate Recounts Attempt to  
Wreck Train in February.

From a Staff Correspondent.  
Hot Springs, Va., July 18.—William  
Howard Taft, Republican Presidential  
candidate, will doubtless establish a  
precedent, if he is elected to the White  
House, by greatly reducing the amount  
of Secret Service surveillance with which  
Presidents are always attended.

Judge Taft not only insists upon going  
about unattended when he likes, but  
scolds at the solicitations of friends, who  
insist that at no time, whether at peace-  
ful Hot Springs or in cities, should he  
go abroad alone, because of the strong  
stand taken by President Roosevelt and  
the administration against anarchists.

Although the candidate will be without

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The Bottom Has Dropped Out  
of lumber prices. Libbey & Co.

## WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia,  
Maryland, and Virginia—Fair  
and not so warm to-day; to-mor-  
row, fair; fresh west to north-  
west winds.

## HERALD NEWS SUMMARY.

Pages. TELEGRAPHIC.  
1—Athlete Drowned in Chicago River.  
1—Corporations Cannot Aid Republicans.  
1—Norfolk Woman Gives Acid to Babies.  
1—Train Leaves Track Near Cumberland.  
1—Cadet Navy Maneuvering at Norfolk.  
4—Cardinal Gibbons Sails for Europe.  
5—Roosevelt Has Conference.  
5—Aunt Gives Names in Drew Murder.  
2—Virginia Man Shot from Ambush.  
10—Police Again Invade Brighton Beach.

LOCAL.  
1—Darr Contests Newman's Election.  
2—Bromwell Asks Money for Parks.  
2—Admiral Burwell Is Retired.  
2—Building Association Funds Safe.  
2—Inspectors Find Clean Groceries.  
2—Sweeping Bryan Victory Predicted.  
3—West Claimed for Bryan.  
3—Labor to Lead Fight Against Taft.  
5—Fair Weather Promised To-day.

MRS. MINNA GIBSON  
WEDS ENGLISHMANThomas Nelson Page's Step-  
daughter Again a Bride.

## RECENT DIVORCE IS RECALLED

Preston Gibson's Former Spouse Is  
Now the Wife of Algernon Burnaby,  
of Old British Family and a  
Brother of Boer War Hero—Mar-  
riage Takes Place in York Harbor.

Another milestone of romance has been  
added to the life of Mrs. Minna Field  
Gibson, according to news received yester-  
day from Boston.

Yesterday, in York Harbor, Me., the  
summer home of her mother, Mrs.  
Thomas Nelson Page, Mrs. Gibson be-  
came the bride of Algernon Burnaby, of  
England.

Rumors of the coming marriage of  
Mrs. Gibson had been filtering through  
the avenues of gossip for some time. She  
spent some months of last winter in Eng-  
land, part of the time as the guest of  
her cousin, Mrs. David Beatty, who is the  
only daughter of the late Marshall Field,  
of Chicago.

After her return, Mrs. Gibson's name  
was connected matrimonially with Eng-  
lishmen of social position, and it even  
was hinted that there was a possibility  
of her remarriage to her former husband,  
Preston Gibson.

Mrs. Page's Daughter.  
The bride is the daughter of the late  
Henry Field and of the present Mrs.  
Thomas Nelson Page, of Washington and  
York Harbor. Through her mother, who  
as a girl was Florence Lathrop, she is the  
niece of Bryan Lathrop, of Chicago, and  
through her father a niece of Mrs. Henry  
Dibble and of the late Marshall Field.

The divorce of Mr. and Mrs. Preston  
Gibson is not forgotten; in fact, had the  
marriage taken place four days earlier  
it would have been celebrated on the first  
anniversary of the decree in Chicago.  
Since then both Mr. Gibson and his for-  
mer wife have lived in the East. For a  
time after the separation Mrs. Gibson  
lived with Mrs. Page in this city, later  
going to England.

In the meantime Preston Gibson has  
purchased a farm not far from Wash-  
ington, in Virginia.

First Marriage an Elopement.  
The marriage of the Gibsons was an  
elopement of late January, in the year  
1900. At the time, Miss Field was a pupil  
at the Misses Masters' school at Dobbs  
Ferry, N. Y., and Gibson was a senior  
in the Sheffield Scientific School at Yale.  
He had inherited \$100,000 from his  
father, a former Senator from Louisiana,  
and had been prominent as a football and  
baseball player at Yale.

The two had met at a younger-set ball  
given a few months previous by Mrs.  
Page for her daughter, in Washington,  
and the attachment was not known until  
the telegram arrived announcing their  
marriage. They had been clever in their  
strategy to communicate with each other  
before the watchful eyes of the school  
principals, and by the means of a code,  
managed to hear from and see each other  
regularly.

Mr. Gibson's telegrams were signed  
"Uncle," and the one which gained the  
consent of the Misses Masters to Miss  
Field's going to New York and resulted  
in the marriage was: "Uncle is better  
and will be in New York Saturday."

Both Mr. and Mrs. Gibson have been  
prominent in North Side and Onondaga  
society in Chicago, the first visit of Alice  
Roosevelt to the Chicago horse show in  
1900 having been made as their guest.

Groom from Old Family.  
Mr. Burnaby comes from an old English  
family of high birth. He is a close  
friend of Capt. and Mrs. Beattie, and it  
was at their home that he met Mrs.  
Gibson. He is a cousin of Capt. Hugo  
Beaumont Burnaby, who won fame dur-  
ing the Boer war.

He is some ten years the senior of his  
bride.

## Y. M. C. A. RUNNERS IN OHIO.

Relay Racers Reach Bellevue Ahead  
of Their Schedule.

New York, July 18.—A. A. Jamieson,  
division manager of the Y. M. C. A.  
relay run to Chicago, gave out the figures  
of the run to-night, and they show no  
let up in the speed being maintained by  
the boys; in fact, they made a better  
average per mile than for the day before.  
The runners reached Bellevue, Ohio, to-  
night at 9:18, eastern time.

They will not run to-morrow, but will  
leave Bellevue at 2 o'clock Monday morn-  
ing, and will reach Chicago at 5:15 Tues-  
day afternoon, if they do not gain more  
time on their schedule.

The boys covered 275 miles from Buffalo  
to Bellevue to-day. They ran a total of  
twenty-nine hours, and averaged 6.14 to  
the mile.

While you think of it, telephone your  
want ad. to The Washington Herald, and  
it will be sent you at 1 cent a word.

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Per 100 feet. Libbey & Co.

200,000 Feet Edge Grain Georgia  
Flooring now on hand. Libbey & Co.

COFFINS SMASHED  
IN TRAIN WRECKRailroad Coaches Overtaken  
on Steep Embankment.

## MANY PASSENGERS ARE HURT

Cars Leave the Rails on Sharp Curve  
Overlooking the Potomac River  
Near Westport, Allegany Coun-  
ty—Bodies Being Shipped in Bag-  
gage Car Exposed to View.

Special to The Washington Herald.  
Cumberland, Md., July 18.—An entire  
passenger train going over an embank-  
ment toward the Potomac River and no  
one killed was the result of the truck  
of the engine tank jumping the track on  
the Western Maryland Railroad near  
Westport, this county, shortly before  
noon to-day.

The train was en route from Elkins to  
Baltimore. The accident occurred on a  
sharp curve while running at moderate  
speed.

The Injured.  
Paul Williams, Moore, W. Va., mining superin-  
tendent.  
J. B. Chaplin, Davis, W. Va.  
John Berry, Blaine, W. Va.  
Joseph Pelletier, Elkins, W. Va.  
W. C. Patterson, Davis, W. Va.  
James Bradley, Barton, Md., taken to hospital at  
Keyser, W. Va., in serious condition from internal  
injury.

Mrs. Mamie Norris, Blaine, W. Va.  
Mrs. John Kinade, Barton, W. Va.  
J. Kinzer, Barton, W. Va.  
Mrs. Lee Ott, Thomas, W. Va., wife of general  
superintendent of Davis Coal and Coke Company.  
W. A. King, baggage master.

Four Cars in Train.  
The train consisted of four coaches,  
including a parlor car. The engine alone  
remained upright, but it plowed over the  
ties quite a distance.

Three company surgeons were promptly  
on the scene.

In the baggage coach were two dead  
bodies in transit. The rough boxes were  
torn open and the coffins twisted and  
broken.

The body of Mrs. Susan Blackburn, en-  
route to Everett, Pa., from Hamblinton,  
W. Va., was exposed.

The other body was that of Neal Con-  
logue, en route to Driftwood, Pa., for  
interment, from Mill Creek, W. Va.

## MOTORISTS KILLED BY TRAIN.

Six Persons Lose Their Lives When  
Machine Is Struck.  
Fort Wayne, Ind., July 18.—Six persons  
in an automobile were killed this after-  
noon by a fast Pennsylvania train on a  
crossing near Columbia City, Ind.

## GIVES AID TO BRYAN.

Chicago Banker Organizes Negroes  
for Nebraska.

Fairview, Lincoln, Neb., July 18.—Don  
Farnsworth, head of the banking house  
of Farnsworth, Billings & Co., of Chi-  
cago, and one of the influential Demo-  
crats of Illinois, has been selected by  
the leaders of the Democracy of the na-  
tion to organize the negro vote in Ohio,  
Indiana, and Illinois for Bryan and  
Kern. He arrived in this city early to-  
day, and was closeted with Mr. Bryan.

Farnsworth came here direct from con-  
ferences with Representatives Clayton  
and Healin, of Alabama; Ollie James, of  
Kentucky; John E. Lamb, of Indiana,  
and other leaders of the party.

When asked to-day if a date had been  
set for the visit to Fairview of Gov.  
John A. Johnson, of Minnesota, which it  
was stated some days ago would take  
place in the near future, Mr. Bryan said  
he had no knowledge of the matter.

Mr. Bryan will probably stay in Chicago  
two days, when he goes there a week  
from to-day to attend the meeting of the  
national committee's subcommittee, which  
is to select the officers of the committee  
and the managers of the campaign.

The candidate has refused an offer of a  
special train for the trip.

Baltimore and Return, \$1.25.  
Baltimore and Ohio R. R.  
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## OHIO REFERENDUM LAW.

Common Pleas Court at Cleveland  
Declares It Constitutional.

Cleveland, Ohio, July 18.—The State In-  
itiative and referendum law was held to  
be constitutional to-day by Judge Chap-  
man, in Common Pleas Court. The test  
case will be carried to the State Supreme  
Court, however, for final decision. The  
suit was brought after an effort was  
made to have a vote taken upon the fran-  
chise granted by the city council to the  
Municipal Traction Company. An election  
has been ordered by the council. The new  
law was passed by the State legislature  
last winter.

## ATHLETE IS DROWNED

Aged Marathon Racer Loses  
Life in Chicago River.

## DOZEN OTHERS ENDANGERED

Coldness of Water Causes Swimmers  
to Be Seized with Cramps, and  
Many Fatalities Are Narrowly  
Averted—One Hundred and Fifty  
Thousand Spectators Line Shore.

Chicago, July 18.—Death entered the  
first annual Chicago River Marathon  
race this afternoon, and Al G. Freese,  
fifty-five years of age, one of the seventy  
contestants, was drowned in the presence  
of thousands of spectators.

A dozen others were so exhausted by  
their efforts in the cold water that ser-  
ious effects on their health are feared.  
More than a score fainted after they  
reached the finish boat, and they were  
with difficulty revived.

Among the most seriously affected was  
H. J. Handy, one of the fastest long-dis-  
tance swimmers in the country. He  
was the favorite.

S. C. Jensen won the race, swimming  
the two and a half miles from the  
mouth of the river to the Van Bu-  
rgh street bridge in 44:25. Anton Jaeger  
was second, and G. A. Johnson third.  
All these men are members of the New  
Illinois Athletic Club.

Woman Finishes Race.  
Miss Anna Harris, the only woman en-  
try, finished fourteenth.

During the race between 100,000 and 120,  
000 persons lined the river bank.  
A thermometer dropped into the water  
registered a temperature of 42 degrees,  
and the intense cold of the water was  
too much for many of the swimmers and  
forced them to withdraw. Freese, who  
was a veteran swimmer, was suddenly  
seized with cramps, and, though several  
swimmers tried to rescue him, he sank.  
His body was recovered to-night.

Handy had a narrow escape from  
drowning. When seized with cramps he  
had a long lead over the field. A party in  
a row boat noticed his distress and pulled  
him out of the water as he was sinking  
for the second time. He was too far gone  
to speak, and his hands were so badly  
cramped that his fingers dug into the  
flesh from his palms.

## FIVE BIDDERS FOR DOCK.

Proposals Opened for New Puget  
Sound Repair Station.

Bids were opened at the Navy Depart-  
ment yesterday for the construction of a  
new dry dock at the Puget Sound Navy  
Yard, for which Congress has appropri-  
ated \$2,000,000. The bids were on the basis  
of two different lengths, one 800 feet, and  
the other 740 feet. The bidders were:

Cawley, Lobse, Winters Company, Seat-  
tle, Wash., \$2,250,000 and \$2,108,000.  
West Lake Construction Company, St. Lou-  
is, Mo., \$2,227,000 and \$2,111,000.  
C. J. Erickson, Seattle, Wash., \$1,625,000.  
No bid on the smaller dock.

James Black Masonry and Contracting  
Company, St. Louis, Mo., \$1,999,126 and  
\$1,915,000.

Puget Sound Bridge and Dredging  
Company, Seattle, Wash., \$1,975,000 and  
\$1,880,000.

## Senator Clark Recovers.

Chicago, July 18.—United States Senator  
C. D. Clarke, of Wyoming, who was over-  
come by the heat in the Auditorium An-  
nex Hotel yesterday, was much improved to-  
night.

## CAPT. MURPHY GUILTY.

Details of Court-martial Findings  
Made Public.

Fort Leavenworth, Kans., July 18.—The  
order containing the details of the court-  
martial of Capt. Charles N. Murphy, Thir-  
teenth Infantry, was received here to-  
day. Instead of acquitting him, as was  
twice reported, the court-martial found  
him guilty of disobeying orders and of  
neglect of duty.

The court sentenced him to be fined \$25  
a month for a period of six months and  
that he be reprimanded. Gen. Charles  
Morton, department commander, adminis-  
tered a severe reprimand, and admon-  
ished him to obey orders and be more  
careful in the future.

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HANGMAN'S TOOLSSeven Prisoners Make Daring  
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## FIND CANADIAN PRISON EASY

Led by Harry Churchill, of New  
York, Men Dig Through Wall with  
Lever Stolen from Gallows and Get  
Away Without Being Discovered.  
Left Letter Asking for Money.

Toronto, July 18.—Harry Churchill, of  
New York, under arrest for robbing pas-  
sengers on the Grand Trunk express, suc-  
ceeded in effecting, in broad daylight to-  
day, the escape of himself and six other  
prisoners from the city jail.

By means of a key, Churchill gained  
entrance to the hanging room, and with  
the use of a lever used on the drop of  
the scaffold, loosened the bricks in the  
east wall of the projection and made a  
hole large enough to make entrance to the  
jail yard easy. This was done on the  
second floor, and the prisoners had to  
drop about ten feet to the ground be-  
low.

There was still a 20-foot wall to scale,  
and by standing on each other's shoulders  
and the use of bedclothes, the seven  
prisoners took a new lease of freedom  
and have not yet been captured. In  
Churchill's cell was found the following  
letter:

## Leaves Letter for Pal.

"Toronto, Jail, June 24.  
"The Hon. Jim Jordon, care Metropole  
Hotel, Forty-first street and Broad-  
way, New York.

"Friend Jim: I thought I would drop  
you a line to ask if you would try and  
raise me \$100. I can meet spring for \$250  
Jim, I hate to lose the summer, as it is a  
good one. So if you can raise me \$100 I  
have the rest. I was on my way to New  
York when I was taken off the train. I  
have some friends around New York, and  
I know you can do this if you will. See  
"The Wonder" and see what he can do.  
The night watchman will be around, so I  
must close.

"Your old friend,  
"HARRY CHURCHILL."

The police here say that Churchill  
served a term in New York in October,  
1905, as George Cobbett, "con" man. Two  
of the fugitives are William Jones and J.  
C. Clark, who were awaiting extradition  
to Newcastle, Pa.

## CHAIR OF HORNS FOR MR. TAFT.

Texas Admirer In Having One Made  
to Cost One Thousand Dollars.

N. B. Powell, a ranchman, of Pettus,  
Tex., has given an order for the building  
of a chair to be made exclusively of the  
horns of Texas cattle and to cost \$1,000,  
which will be presented to Judge Taft  
when he takes his seat as President."

A similar present was made by admiring  
Texans friends to the late President Benja-  
min Harrison, but the present cost only  
\$50.

He carried the chair back to In-  
dianapolis with him when he left the  
White House at the end of his term. The  
donor of the chair to Mr. Harrison was  
Dennis O'Connor. In describing the pre-  
sent he intends to confer on Judge Taft in  
case Mr. Taft is elected, Mr. Powell said:

"My deal with the manufacturer is to  
construct the chair out of horns which I  
will furnish him. It will not be necessary  
for him to follow the instructions given to  
Noah when he builded the ark, but  
both of us recognize that an ordinary  
chair is out of the question. I have just  
delivered him the pair of horns—about  
eight and a half feet from tip to tip—that  
will make the back of the chair and a  
portion of the arms, and will gather up  
the other specimens I have selected be-  
tween here and the Rio Grande and send  
them here."

"The chair will be a companion piece  
for the pants which San Antonio has pro-  
vided, and the new President, while wres-  
tling with problems of a nation in Wash-  
ington, will at the same time be able to  
enjoy some of the comforts of Texas, a  
condition which any man cannot fail to  
duly appreciate."

\$1.25 to Baltimore and Return  
To-day via Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

No. 1 Cypress Shingles, 85 Per 1,000.  
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## CITY HALL PILLAR WEAK.

Philadelphia Building Found to  
Have a Poor Support.

Philadelphia, July 18.—Workmen in the  
basement of Philadelphia's great city hall  
discovered that a pier supporting a por-  
tion of the seven-story wall on the east  
side of the building had become weakened  
and threatened to collapse.

City Architect Powell and other officials  
declare that the early discovery of the  
dangerous condition of the pier has pre-  
cluded any likelihood of a serious acci-  
dent, though they admit uneasiness.

Every pier and column supporting walls  
and floors of the \$30,000,000 municipal  
building will be carefully overhauled,  
and, if necessary, strengthened.

## MRS. TEAGLE IS DEAD.

Standard Oil Magnate's Wife Suc-  
cumbs to Self-inflicted Wounds.

Los Angeles, Cal., July 18.—Mrs. Walter  
Teagle, who shot herself at Pasadena on  
Wednesday, died to-day.

Her husband, a Standard Oil director,  
and her father, W. T. Murray, of Cleve-  
land, a steel manufacturer, hastened  
westward on special trains, but neither  
arrived in time to see the woman alive.

BABIES ARE GIVEN  
ACID BY MOTHERA Former Alexandria Girl,  
Crazed, Seeks to Slay.

## YOUNGEST CHILD IS DEAD

Dose Proves Fatal—Woman Is Wife  
of Rector of Portsmouth (Va.) Epis-  
copal Church—Tries to End Her  
Own Life, but May Recover—Hus-  
band Makes Terrible Discovery.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Norfolk, Va., July 18.—Despondent to  
the point of insanity, to-day Mrs. William  
A. Brown, wife of the rector of St. John's  
Episcopal Church, Portsmouth, forced car-  
bolic acid down the throats of her chil-  
dren, William A. Brown, Jr., three years  
old, and Mary, aged eight months, and  
then swallowed a copious draught of the  
poison herself.

The dose has proved fatal to the little  
girl, while Mrs. Brown and the boy were  
still alive to-night, and the physicians  
say there is a chance for their recovery.

The rector was the first to learn of the  
tragedy which had been enacted in his  
home. Going there for dinner at 2:30  
o'clock, he found his wife and children in  
what appeared to be their death agonies.

After several hours of hard work Mrs.  
Brown and the boy were restored to con-  
sciousness. Then it was that Mrs. Brown  
whispered to her husband and the physi-  
cians that she gave the poison to her  
children and had taken it herself.

Her fits of despondency have been in-  
tense and frequent of late.

The Browns came to Portsmouth from  
Pulaski several years ago. Mrs. Brown  
having been Miss Ramsay, of Alexan-  
dria, Va. She was a woman of rare  
beauty, and made many friends.

## Parents Leave Alexandria.

Mrs. Brown is a daughter of Mr. and  
Mrs. G. William Ramsay, 517 Cameron  
street, Alexandria. She is well and favor-  
ably known in society circles here. About  
five years ago she married the Rev. Mr.  
Brown.

News of the poisoning was received by  
Mr. and Mrs. Ramsay early yesterday  
afternoon by telegraph. It was stated in  
the telegram that she and her two chil-  
dren, a boy, about three years old, and  
a girl, about eight months old, were  
poisoned. Another telegram was received  
about 5 o'clock, announcing that the  
mother and her young son had rallied.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramsay left on the Nor-  
folk steamer last evening for Portsmouth.

## POISONS HER THREE BABIES.

Buffalo Woman, Crazed, Gives Paris  
Green to Children.

Buffalo, N. Y., July 18.—While suffering  
from a sudden attack of insanity to-night,  
Mrs. Charles Chlem, of 216 Grey street,  
administered paris green to her three  
young children and then took a dose of it  
herself.

Her children, whose ages ranged from  
three months to five years, are dead.  
Mrs. Chlem was removed to the Ger-  
man Hospital in a dying condition.

## GUNNERS DESTROY AIRSHIP.

Army Tests in Germany Disastrous  
to War Balloon.

Berlin, July 18.—During a session of  
night practice by a machine gun corps of  
the army near Augsburg last night the  
gunners were ordered to train on a target  
balloon which had been sent up during  
the day and was floating far above and  
to the left of their point of encampment.  
The balloon was brought down at the  
first volley.

The test was made for the purpose of  
ascertaining what chance an army would  
have of opposing a hostile balloon which  
came near enough to their camp to drop  
an explosive into their works.

## CAPT. MURPHY GUILTY.